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PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by three (3) month(s). Enclosed is our check No. 90313 which includes the amount of \$870.00 for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

	Response within first month not small entity (\$110) small entity (\$55)
	Response within second month not small entity (\$380) small entity (\$190)
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You are authorized to charge to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700 any additional amounts owing.

If this petition is inadequate to avoid abandonment, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on December 17, 1999:

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Respectfully submitted,

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